

Hepatitis B Testing in Pregnant Women

Michigan law requires prenatal care providers to:

- ☐ ***Test*** all pregnant women during every pregnancy for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) status at the time of the woman's initial examination. High-risk pregnant women who test HBsAg negative initially need to be retested in the last trimester.
- ☐ ***Report*** every positive HBsAg test result in a pregnant woman to the local health department within 24 hours of diagnosis or discovery.
- ☐ ***Send*** a copy of all HBsAg lab results (positive or negative) to the labor/delivery manager of the delivering hospital along with the prenatal work-up information.
- ☐ ***Notify*** the providers who will be caring for the infants born to the HBsAg positive women that the infant will need hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) and the first dose of hepatitis B vaccine within 12 hours of birth.

Section 333.5123 of Michigan's Public Health Code declares: "A physician or an individual otherwise authorized by law to provide medical treatment to a pregnant woman shall take or cause to be taken, at the time of the woman's initial examination, test specimens of the woman and shall submit the specimens to a clinical laboratory approved by the department for the purpose of performing tests approved by the department for venereal disease (syphilis), HIV or an antibody to HIV, and for hepatitis B. Michigan's Communicable Disease Rules, Section 333.5111, Act No. 368, Public Acts of 1978, as amended in R325.171, R325.172, and R325.173. In R325.173, Rule 3 (1), a physician shall report each case of a serious communicable disease specified in R325.172, except for human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome which is governed by MCL 333.5114, within 24 hours of diagnosis or discovery, to the appropriate health department.

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